

## **Nimble Fingers Quilters - General Meeting Minutes**

### **Potomac Community Center**

**March 2, 2011**

**Welcome:** The meeting was called to order at 10:10 AM by Co-Presidents Linda August and Patty Estey, who reminded the audience to mute or turn off cell phones. Ms. August reminded members to notify Susan Sellers if they do not want their pictures or pictures of their quilts published on the Nimble Fingers (NF) website.

**February 2011 meeting minutes:** Ms. August called for approval of the N F February general meeting minutes. The February general meeting minutes were approved as published on the website.

**Introduction of new members and guests:** There was one guest attending. .

#### **General Announcements:**

**Board meeting:** Co-Presidents reminded committee chairs and officers to remain for the 1:00 PM Board meeting, and invited any member of the guild to attend if interested.

**Quilting Bee:** Francie Parrack is the new chair of the Quilting Bee; NF appreciates the services of this committee past chair Mary Campbell. Ms. Parrack announced that there were two quilt frames for sale and to contact her if interested. Ms. Parrack also asked members to contact Ms. Mary Moore Payne if they were willing to work on charity quilts. Members were given the option of wearing green if desired to the St. Patrick's Day bee.

**NF Raffle Quilt:** Ms. Barbara Kilby stated that she is recruiting volunteers to work on the raffle quilt. Volunteers are needed for washing borders, cutting and piecing, sewing borders, etc. Sign-up sheet is available for volunteers. Last raffle quilt netted more than \$3000.

**Quilt show donations:** Five hundred dollars each were given to Habitat for Humanity and to Manna Food Center from the quilt show proceeds.

**Quilting for Others:** Ms. Mary Moore Payne informed the group that 2 quilts were delivered to Family Services for the Betty Ann Krahnke Center. Material is available to sew quilts for this center, which is in constant need of quilts. NF would like to concentrate on smaller quilts, sized 45x60, so that more quilts can be made.

**Hospitality:** Ms. Carole Auth who has done an outstanding job as Chair of this committee will be stepping down in May. A new chair is needed for the June meeting. Format for the lunches can be changed; may be brown bag with drinks and dessert provided by the Hospitality Committee. Ms. Anne Hammond can continue to order sandwiches as in the past. If no one volunteers to take over this position, future lunches will have to be "brown bag". If interested in

chairing and participating in this committee, contact Carole Auth, Linda August or Laura Markus from the Nominating committee.

**Quilt show:** Survey indicated most responders prefer to have a quilt show every two years. Volunteers are needed to chair quilt show committees. Beverly Ferrell, past quilt show chair, stated that being the Chair is a hard job but a very rewarding one. She had a great team to work with and plenty of support from past chairs of the show. Ms. Ferrell will gladly help the new chair, and provide records of past shows.

**Alzheimer's quilts:** Ms. Kim Jalette is chairing another round of small quilts to donate to the Alzheimer's Art Quilt Initiative (AAQI). To date, NF members have raised over \$1730. Ms. Jalette offered to collect newly made quilt and deliver them to the AAQI. She will deliver quilts in June and in September.

**Website:** Ms. Jane Van Horn has made several changes to the NF website. Old information has been purged and duplication of information has been eliminated. Ms. Van Horn is working on getting a real calendar application on the website to post all NF events and reminders in an easy to use format. Archival minutes and newsletters will be posted on the site for 2 years. NF is appreciative to Ms. Van Horn for her help. A motion was carried to post photos on the web of award winning quilts made by guild NF members, which can serve as inspiration for future raffle quilts.

**Nominating Committee:** The slate for next year officers was presented by Patty Estey, representing the nominating committee as follows: Co-Presidents Linda August and Patty Estey, Vice-President Pat Lefebvre, Treasurer Barbara Kilby and Secretary Evelyn Farinas. Elections will take place in April. NF members are encouraged to volunteer for membership in the Nominating Committee. Duties of the nominating committee are to solicit NF members to run for various elected offices and chairmanships.

**Upcoming workshops:** Ms. Susan Sellers mentioned upcoming workshops. In April, Mari Stori will present a program titled "Let it Shine" followed by a half day program on decorative beading. In May, Maria Elkin will speak about protecting quilts and will conduct a workshop on fused applique portrait quilts. Members who have registered for Ms. Elkins workshop need to e-mail their photos to Ms. Elkins prior to the workshop date. Also in May, members will show the quilts made in response to the "Inspired by Verse" challenge. In June Cindy Blackberg will discuss "tips and tricks of the pros". She will conduct a full day workshop the following day. In addition, June is the month where members will display the blocks and quilts that they have made for our Block of the Year effort.

**Show and Tell:** Eight members exhibited beautiful quilts, which included quilts made for grandchildren, quilts inspired by cruise adventures, and quilts made using techniques learned at the February workshop. One member exhibited the second quilt she has made since she started

quilting. At this time, the book “12x12” was highly recommended; it is available from Amazon.com at a cost of \$19.00

**Program:** Program chair Susan Sellers introduced today’s speaker Ms. Susan Reno. Ms. Reno is an award winning fiber artist who now resides in Lancaster, PA. Her work has been selected for exhibition at American Embassies through a State Department Art Program. Ms. Reno’s talk is entitled “From Foliage to Fiber Art”. In her presentation Ms. Reno stated that she studied in Mysore, India and fell in love with the silks and colors of the area. Her early work included appliques, and large scale hand quilts from original designs. Her current work is quite varied, using imagery from the natural world, architectural images, skeletons, and a variety of techniques such as cyanotype, print making, digital image transfer, etc. Ms. Reno explained that cyanotype printing was started in 1842. In her cyanotype work, Ms. Reno exposes fabric to chemicals, then masks plants or other objects, which are then exposed to UV light. The masked areas remain white, and the exposed areas turn Prussian blue. The fabrics used for this technique must be natural fabrics, such as silk and cotton. Ms. Reno showed a collection of her quilts, where in addition to cyanotype printing, she used heliographic prints, digital prints on fabric, etc. At the conclusion of her presentation, Ms. Reno posted the following websites as aid for additional information: [www.blueprintsonfabric.com](http://www.blueprintsonfabric.com); [www.dharmatrading.com](http://www.dharmatrading.com); [www.gloriahansen.com](http://www.gloriahansen.com); [www.lancasterconservancy.org](http://www.lancasterconservancy.org); and [www.suereno.com](http://www.suereno.com).

**Door Prizes:** At the conclusion of the program, Ms. August raffled several bags of batting and fillers as door prizes.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM.

**Lunch:** A delicious baked potato, soup, desserts and drinks lunch was provided by the hospitality committee at the usual \$4.00 cost.

Respectfully submitted

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Secretary

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